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CARL L. MULFINGER, M.D., **Beta**
Secretary-Treasurer Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The old axiom that if you want something done get a busy man to do it has once more been exemplified in the selection of Carl L. Mulfinger, M. D., Beta, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Dr. Mulfinger received his A.B. degree at Allegheny in 1915, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He received his degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Illinois in 1919 upon completion of the first two years of the medical course, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. After the completion of a year's internship at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, he began the private practice of medicine in Los Angeles in 1923.

Combining the happy talent of a capable diagnostician with a pleasing personality, he has built up a large practice while at the same time devoting considerable of his energy to the social phases of medicine. He has been connected with the All-Nations Clinic for a number of years, during six of which he has acted as Chief of that organization. As a member of the Senior Staff of the Methodist Hospital of Southern California, he has on two occasions served as its Chief. At present he holds the position of Senior Attending Urologist on the Executive Committee of that hospital.

Dr. Mulfinger is married and has two sons: George, in his senior year in High School, and Richard, a sophomore.

Just to add a touch of variety to what must indeed be otherwise a dull and drab existence, Carl is Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Annals of Western Medicine and Surgery, the new scientific publication recently launched by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."
—Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784.

Current Fraternity Problems

BURTON CHARLES A. OSTLING,
Zeta '48

Every chapter house has its own current problems which are, for the most part, something of an individual affair. I shall mention only a few in passing and concentrate on the problem our chapter has been working hardest to rectify.

If the chapter has its own house, the collection of board and room bills and dues becomes a simplified matter when a competent house manager has been chosen and a local trust company (or equivalent) audits the accounts. To encourage promptness, a 10% fine can be imposed if the bill is not paid by a certain date each month. The G. I. Bill is, at present time, a gratifying insurance of prompt payments.

The future of the chapter depends to a large degree upon the caliber of men pledged. A high standard should be set and carefully followed if the reputation of the chapter and fraternity as a whole is to be maintained through the years.

It is highly advisable to maintain an **active** fund available for maintenance of furniture and replacements. This can be donated to by a two dollar "parlor tax" or if possible budgeted over the year from the general fund.

Some long term plan of improvements of the fraternity property should be made and followed. In this regard a committee of several members repre-

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sentative from the classes is adequate, for then fulfillment of the plan becomes probable, since it is carried on from year to year.

The fraternity publication is most important. It is the only contact most chapters have with their alumni. Make it interesting, arouse curiosity, give it alumni appeal and keep your alumni interested in their chapter. We set up, arrange and print our own newsletter and publish two issues per school year. A considerable saving to the chapter is effected. We try to get as many men working on the paper as possible, since it helps stimulate interest in the activities.

The major problem which has troubled us in regard to our chapter is that of continuing alumni relations. Our chapter is unique, since it is a large chapter associated with a large university in a relatively small town so few of our alumni are easily reached. We have tried several plans which attempt to get the alumni **out** to the chapter house. Each issue of the newsletter carries an invitation to "drop in when they are in town," but the response has not been gratifying.

We have sent out cards inviting the alumni to buffet suppers after football games. We hold alumni dinners followed by informal get-togethers around the fire place. The evening belongs to the guest speaker. These sessions have been highly successful during this first trial year. Next year we hope to expand the program with a scheduled **guest** alumnus with a blanket invitation to all other alumni to attend — with notification well in advance through our newsletter. At these get-togethers we hear much of the old days—the old professors in the medical school, the history of the Medical School proper, and tales of other alumni. In short, we are informed as to the traditions of the fraternity which are important to it. We always gather a goodly amount of information about internships, and excellent contacts are advised and made.

We are indoctrinated into the various medical specialties with suggestions being given by our alumni as to the **best** places to train. And lastly, we are given the opportunity of meeting our outstanding alumni as men and as brothers and GOOD DOCTORS — a true inspiration to struggling medical students.

From these experiences ZETA chapter has learned several important facts in regard to alumni relations. Alumni are always happy to help in any way they might — so give your alumni something to do; give them somebody to hear or give them something to come to—but remember you are working with physicians who schedule their time well in advance and often in the last minute can't make it, so don't give up when such disappointments occur.

Medical Interfraternity Conference

At the last meeting of the Medical Interfraternity Conference, held February 11, 1947, in Chicago, the following officers were elected, to serve for the next two years: Chairman, Dr. William A. Mann, Alpha Kappa Kappa; Vice Chairman, Dr. Louis Bothman, Phi Delta Epsilon; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. H. William Ruhe, Phi Rho Sigma; Executive Committee, Dr. L. B. Arey, Phi Beta Pi, Dr. Warren H. Cole, Nu Sigma Nu, Dr. Walton Van Winkle, Jr., Alpha Kappa Kappa.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

If you know any students about to enter medical school who are good Phi Rho material, be sure to send their names and addresses either to the Central Office or to the local Phi Rho Chapter at the school concerned. This will be a great help to local chapters in next fall's rushing program.

C. H. WILLIAM RUHE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Grand Chapter.

Chi Delta Initiates Dr. Lassek

Dr. A. M. Lassek, Professor of Anatomy at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, became an honorary member of the Fraternity at initiation exercises held at the Chi Delta Chapter in Charleston on February 4, 1947.

Dr. Lassek received his B. S. degree from the University of Washington, M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Northwestern University, and M. D. degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School. He served as an Instructor of Anatomy at Northwestern University Medical School and as Assistant Professor of Anatomy at the University of South Dakota before coming to the Medical College of the State of South Carolina in 1932 as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy.

Dr. Lassek's research interests lie mainly in the pyramidal tracts of the nervous system, and his works have included quantitative studies on the pyramidal tracts, volumetric studies of the gray and white matter of the cord, and evaluation of certain manifestations of pyramidal tract lesions.

Long a friend of the Fraternity and Student Body at the Medical College, and one of those personalities who by his presence amongst us has enriched the school, the community, and the state, we feel, too, that our Fraternity will be enriched by his membership.

Dr. Lassek is married to the former Miss Dorothy Jones, and has two children: Arthur, Jr., and William.

The entire Fraternity joins with the Chi Delta Chapter in extending to Dr. Lassek a hearty welcome.

CHARLES B. PREACHER,
President, **Chi Delta Chapter.**

"An effort is never lost.
—McKenna.

DELTA CHAPTER INITIATES

Eighteen pledges, an outstanding group in brains and personality as well as in numbers, were initiated at the home of the Southern California Councilor, Dr. Jose M. de los Reyes, in Glendale on March 22, 1947. For names of the new Phi Rho's see Secretary Ray Bangle's letter under Chapter and Alumni News.

ARTHUR BRUCE STEELE, M.D.

Doctor Arthur Bruce Steele, Alpha Zeta, died at his home, 405 Canon Drive, Santa Barbara, California, of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 20th, 1947.

Dr. Steele was born in Hamiota, Manitoba, Canada, May 19th, 1897. He began his premedical work at Brandon College near Winnipeg in 1915. Shortly afterward, he entered the Canadian Army and served with distinction and honor in World War I.

Coming to California, Dr. Steele completed work for the A B degree. He received his M D degree from Stanford in 1931.

Limiting his work to diseases of the chest, he was a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and President of the Trudeau Society. He had been chief chest and consultant surgeon for San Luis Obispo County Hospital for some years.

Dr. Steele is survived by his wife; a daughter, Nancy, and a son, David Edward; also a brother, D. Lyall Steele of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen."

—Epictetus, circa 60 A. D.

Chapter and Alumni News

Chapter Secretaries: **Your ideas and suggestions are needed to help make the Journal just what you want it to be—informative, attractive, stimulating. Pictures, newsletters, alumni notes cannot be published unless they are received.**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Doctor John S. Nagel, Beta, died at his home in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2nd, 1947.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

March 22, 1947.

To: C. H. William Ruhe, M. D.

From: Raymond Bangle, Jr.

Subject: ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF DELTA CHAPTER

Officers: President, Wayne Franz; Vice-president, Delmer Pascoe; Secretary-Treasurer, Raymond Bangle.

Meetings

April 8, 1946

Place: Fraternity House.

Business: Dr. Alfred Henrich, Secretary-Treasurer of alumni, stated that a Phi Rho Sigma Building Corporation was in the process of being established. Wayne Franz was selected as delegate to the Twenty-second Meeting of the Grand Chapter. Modifications and changes in The Laws that will be taken up at the convention in September were discussed.

Guest speaker: Dr. Donald Ross, of the Roos-Loos Medical Group.

October 21, 1946

Place: Because of the loss of our fraternity house the meeting was held at the home of Dr. Alfred Henrich.

Business: The social committee report concerning rushing was made. Dr. Francis Guinney spoke on the advantages of an inter-fraternity organization, for which Louis Wileman was appointed to make up a rough plan of how such a system might work.

Guest speaker: Dr. Clinton Thienes, head of U. S. C. Pharmacology Department.

November 11, 1946

Place: Home of Dr. Lewis Alesen.

Business: Plans for the filing of past examination papers were made.

Guest speaker: Dr. Karl von Hagen, neurologist and psychiatrist.

January 13, 1947

Place: Home of Dr. Harold Witherbee.

Business: Plans for non-profit monthly medical school dances were made. An assessment of $5 was voted

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Medicine's Future?

"I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past."

—Patrick Henry (1736-1799)

It would indeed be presumptuous to hazard any kind of a prophecy concerning the form and nature of medical practice twenty-five or fifty years hence. There are too many intangible factors involved, too many economic and social forces working at cross-currents with each other, far too many elements of a purely aleatory nature to permit of anything more than the sketchiest of guesses; and guesses upon the future of the healing art are certainly not in order. There are, however, certain facts already written into the record in the experiences of other nations and certain general trends already discernible in this country which it would be most timely to consider if we who believe in Medicine as something more than just another means of livelihood wish to exert our influence in a constructive manner toward the goal of every true physician—the best of medical care immediately available to the patient when he needs it, regardless of race, creed, or financial circumstance.

The students now in medical school and those preparing to enter in the near future have perhaps the greatest professional interest in the answer to this question of Medicine's future. Young men just returned from the Service, recently establishing or re-establishing themselves in practice, are next most vitally concerned. The older physicians with some years of responsible experience often, and quite understandably, feel that social changes in their art could not affect them very materially, and so they sit by and view the situation without undue alarm or more than an abstract interest.

The European experiences of Compulsory Health Insurance, beginning with Bismarck in Germany, in 1883, on down to Lloyd George's measures initiated in Great Britain in 1911, and more recently the New Zealand experiences beginning in 1939, have embraced comparable plans and results in practically every nation. The record is now old enough and sufficiently well written to point out certain unmistakable facts. Without exception, government intrusion into the field of health has resulted in the deterioration of the quality of care available to those who need it most, and the scientific and professional degradation of the physicians who render it. Judged by any standards available, the American people are the healthiest people in the world today where comparable populations are considered. Their death rates from the common diseases are lower and the means immediately available to them to relieve suffering and combat illness are more abundant and more easily obtained than is the case anywhere else in the world; but this is all a part of the American way which has at the same time given our people the greatest abundance of food, clothing, shelter and all of the good things of life.

Our system of medical care is not perfect. It needs to be expanded so that it may reach every one more quickly without any barrier whatsoever. At the same time, such expansion must be made in the traditional American manner, so that the spirit of independence of the physician and his competition with his fellows to bring good care to his patients may be preserved, for that is the factor largely responsible for the very favorable results we have obtained as compared with the results of political medicine.

On the positive side, American Medicine does have a constructive program to provide for prepayment of the costs of illness on a voluntary basis. This program began in a small way with hospitalization insurance by units of the American Hospital Association. Medical Associations are now sponsoring prepayment plans covering medical services in all but two of the forty-eight states, there being some eighty-eight such plans now in operation. In the two states not yet covered, a start has been made. The American Medical Association has assumed the function of coordinator and director of these ventures through an organization known as Associated Medical Care Plans, Incorporated.

The most encouraging aspect of this whole situation is the widespread public acceptance and approval of prepayment on a voluntary basis so far accorded. Opinion polls taken in many states and throughout the country as a whole have time and time again shown the people to feel the need for some means of prepaying the costs of illness, but in most instances expressing a choice for the voluntary as opposed to the compulsory when the two systems were explained to them. When one considers the veritable barrage of propaganda that has been leveled at the public in favor of political medicine, much of it paid for by the taxpayers' money, during the past fifteen years, it is remarkable, indeed, that they should select the American method as opposed to the European. Certainly, it is heartening to know that the American citizen still retains the right to think for himself, although it

must be somewhat confusing to our economic morons with the Phi Beta Kappa keys who offer their services upon any and all occasions to plan the citizen's life for him in its most intimate and every detail.

American Medicine has nothing for which to apologize in its record of service to the public except perhaps the fact that it has failed to make that record known. This is no time for an attitude of complacency or defeatism. Medicine's future depends upon how well we handle the opportunity time and circumstance have given us.

Good Morning, Doctor!

(Reprinted from the Pittsburgh Medical Bulletin. The author, Norman C. Ochsenhirt, M. D., is Secretary of the Allegheny County Medical Society, and President of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association of Phi Rho Sigma.)

Your Secretary will be convicted of medical heresy and be either crucified or burned at the stake for this column. Nevertheless, it is also the opinion of many other physicians with whom he has discussed the situation verbally and by letter.

During recent years a new trend has made its appearance in medicine, which is so top-heavy and lop-sided, that a crumbling catastrophe may occur unless reason and discretion replace an unbridled enthusiasm. If the catastrophe occurs, the efforts of organized medicine over a period of many years will be destroyed and will require many more years to recover from its effects. During recovery socialized medicine will have its opportunity for replacement of present day medicine. Reference is made to the creation and function of the Specialty Boards.

The aims of the Specialty Boards as certifying bodies are praiseworthy, but the results unwarranted. Many of the profession, lay governing bodies of hospitals, the professional staff of many hospitals, as well as governmental agencies, have accepted certification by the Boards almost as a legal rating. Hospitals in the East—now infiltrating the West—have gone overboard in their demands of Specialty Board certification for medical staff appointments.

In many hospitals physicians, who have shown by their clinical ability and results over a period of years that they are competent in their chosen field of medicine, have been replaced by younger physicians with Board certification. Frequently the younger man has had no clinical experience other than that obtained during hospital residency required by the Board. These young men, too often, have had no experience in the art of medicine. We are too prone to lose sight of the fact that there is more to the practice of medicine than scientific training. No one is better equipped to judge an older physician's qualifications for hospital appointment in a special field of medicine than his staff colleagues, who know intimately his clinical experience, ability and training.

In some specialties much confusion exists regarding certification. For instance, in surgery there exist two organizations—the American College of Surgeons, which has functioned for so many years, and the American Board of Surgery, a creation of recent years. The American College of Surgeons has always recognized the importance of clinical experience and scientific training as a prerequisite for membership. Recently approximately 100 diplomates of the American Board of Surgery were refused admission to the American College of Surgeons because of insufficient clinical experience. In spite of such action, some hospitals and governmental agencies have at times questioned the ability or qualifications of a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, who is not a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery; such disunity in the field of surgery—and it exists in other fields of medicine—can lead to only one result—either the failure of medicine as it exists today or the complete destruction of our present method of practice. Such differences must be removed and a fundamentally sane, common basis established for specialty certification.

The medical profession has become over-Boarded. Many Boards have been created for specialties of a very limited field and unless the general process is soon controlled by the medical profession it may lead to even narrower or more ridiculous lines of demarcation in specialization.

The Boards have become all-powerful and control one's economic welfare. In many instances they are unreasonable. A proctologist must pass the American Board of Surgery examination before permission is granted to take the Proctologic Board examination with subsequent certification as a proctologist if successful. The result is that in this country there are approximately 100 or less certified proctologists, over 75% of whom were certified in the founders' group without examination. Why not insist that orthopedic surgeons, gynecologists, urologists, neuro-surgeons, etc., pass the American Board of Surgery examination before permission is granted to take their specific examination?

With the creation of the Specialty Boards, there has been a wild scramble for hospital residencies to qualify for Board examinations. Residencies for an adequate period are necessary in the preparation of a physician for any specialty. At the close of World War II, the number of residencies was greatly increased beyond reason because of the increased demand by the returned veterans for qualifications for Board examinations. Too often no consideration is given as to the qualifications or aptitude of the young physician for his chosen specialty. Very few physicians actually find themselves, without several years of general

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practice. Then and then only do they learn for what specialty—if any—they are best suited.

With our present system created by the Boards we shall see many specialty misfits, regardless of the length of training as a hospital resident—whether it be 5 years or 10 years.

Let us use reason and not create a profession of super specialists and thus "open the door for Richard," alias Federalized Medicine.

HELP WANTED FOR RESIDENTS

The great demand for hospital residencies at the present time has led to serious difficulties for the graduating senior in arranging for post-graduate training in hospitals. It has been suggested that the fraternity might serve in this emergency by attempting to find satisfactory locations for those who are interested in obtaining residencies. If you know of any residencies which are or will be available, please notify the Central Office, including all essential information, such as size of hospital, whether or not the residency is approved, remuneration, etc. The office will then attempt to find Phi Rhos who would be interested and qualified to fill these positions.

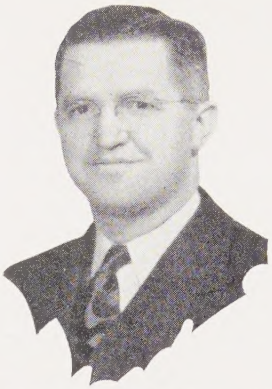
C. H. WILLIAM RUHE,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Grand Chapter.

SUCCESS

Mrs. Arthur J. Stanley, 1879—)

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

Southern California Alumni Association Meeting



ALFRED G. HENRICH, M. D.
Alpha Delta
Secretary-Treasurer Southern-California Alumni Association of Phi Rho Sigma, 1401 S. Hope St., Los Angeles.

On May 2nd, during the California Medical Association Convention in Los Angeles, a luncheon was given by the Southern California Alumni Association. Forty-five Phi Rho's from all over the state were present.

Dr. William Molony, Delta Chapter, recently Vice-President of the American Medical Association, and at present President of the Phi Rho Sigma Building Corporation, spoke on the proposed financing of a $35,000 house for Delta Chapter at the University of Southern California. He outlined the Christie Plan, the proposed selling of three hundred and fifty shares at $100.00 each, bearing one percent interest, numbered in series, and to be retired in series by newly initiated members of Delta Chapter.

Raoul Esnard, Chi Eta, the President of Phi Rho Sigma Alumni Association of Southern California, presided. Jack Flynn, Delta, is Vice President. Also present were Joe de los Reyes, Rho, our Western Councilor, George Kress, Omega, formerly Editor of California and Western Medicine, and Ed. Remmen, AKK, was a guest. He immediately signed up for one share in the Phi Rho Sigma Building Corporation.

AL. HENRICH, Alpha Delta,
Secretary.

Dean Kelly Outlines Health Project

Dean G. Lombard Kelly, Chi Alpha, of the University of Georgia School of Medicine, is responsible for a new hospitalization and teaching plan which is described in the Atlanta Journal for Wednesday, April 30th, 1947, as follows:

"Four walls do not a hospital make, nor is the multi-million-dollar free institution envisioned for Augusta anything more than the cornerstone of a proposed integrated health setup, Georgia's first.

Originated by Dean G. Lombard Kelly, of the University of Georgia School of Medicine, the plan, unique among states, already has been submitted to the board of regents.

Here's what the Kelly program would do: It would bring (1) better undergraduate medical education; resulting immediately in (2) better medical care for patients in all state hospitals; leading in a short while to (3) better postgraduate medical education, and eventually bringing (4) better trained doctors.

'Let's start at the beginning, with medical education,' the wiry little dean said in an interview. 'Before the war, about 14 medical schools required their students to serve a fifth year of internship before receiving their diplomas. Also, about 15 states required this extra year before awarding medical licenses.'

Too Green

In Georgia neither of the medical schools nor the state board of medical examiners demands the extra year before qualifying a person to practice medicine.

Within two months after a student passes his medical examination, he can set out his shingle and practice medicine, Dr. Kelly said, 'and there are always two or three who do it.' One year of internship should be a minimum requirement.

'Now, here's how medical education fits into the over-all scheme,' explained Dr. Kelly. 'It's not good pedagogy to require this internship unless we can furnish hospital space for it.'

This space should be provided, in Dr. Kelly's opinion, by a state hospital authority, which would include all state treatment institutions or parts of institutions taking care of patients (like the infirmary at the prison).

'It Takes Doctors'

'They talk about using the Hill-Burton bill to put up small hospitals all over the state, but four walls and a roof don't make a hospital,' the dean admonished. 'It takes doctors and nurses and orderlies.' "

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upon and passed so as to help pay Wayne Franz for the rushing program expenditures. Louis Wileman reported on plans for an Inter-fraternity Council. Plans for the next initiation were tentatively made. Louis Wileman suggested the advantages of a chapter newsletter. An editorial staff was appointed and the first edition was to appear before the next initiation.

February 10, 1947

Place: Home of Dr. J. J. Crane.

Business: Initiation date was set for March 22, 1947, with an alternate date of March 29, 1947 and was decided to be held at the home of Dr. de los Reyes. Because of the initiation, the meeting for next month was canceled.

Speaker: Dr. J. J. Crane.

Other activities

(1) Initiation on March 22, 1947 at the home of Dr. de los Reyes. Eighteen pledges were initiated, as follows:

John Colbert, John Bodlo, Duane Deakins, Daulton Lee, Edward Simmons, Edward Ward, Neal Peterson, Joseph Hartman, Bob Huxtable, James Jennings, Fred Thomas, Robert Randle, Victor Thompson, Zora Young, Robert Kaster, Ivan Kazan, Frank Landaal, Robert Thomas.

(2) "Delta Doings," a Delta Chapter newsletter, was sent to alumni and active members on March 19, 1947.

(3) Non-profit monthly medical school dances at the Royal Palms Hotel sponsored by Phi Rho Sigma have been well attended.

(4) Replacing our December meeting was a stag party at the horse ranch of Dr. Raoul Esnard (alumnus).

April 14, 1947

Meeting will be held at the home of Dr. Frank Otto (alumnus). The guest speaker will be Dr. Clarence Albaugh (A. K. K.), who will talk on "Corneal Transplants," which will be illustrated by movies.

WAYNE UNIVERSITY

News from Epsilon Chapter at Wayne University, Detroit. We have started a new program for our formal monthly meetings which we hope will further stimulate interest in fraternity affairs. Alumni are invited to the meetings to act as guest speakers. They are asked to discuss subjects pertaining to their particular specialty, or any practical information not included in our school subjects. At our first meeting of this type we were honored by the presence of our dean, Hardy A. Kemp, M. D. Dr. Kemp presented an illustrated talk combining tropical medicine highlights with his very interesting experiences in the Burma-India section. Other alumni guests present at the meeting were William J. Stapleton, Jr., M. D., our associate dean; Frederick W. Hyde, M. D.; Frederick W. Hyde, Jr., M. D.; Grover C. Penberthy, M. D.; and Arthur W. Erkfitz, M. D.

We have just been informed that Dr. William J. Stapleton, Jr. is going to retire from his position of associate dean. Dr. Stapleton was appointed to the faculty of the College of Medicine at Wayne University in 1910, and to the position of associate dean in 1936. We are planning a banquet in his honor, which will be held at the Hotel Whittier.

Epsilon Chapter is also in the process of raising a special sum of money by a method which may serve as a new idea to another chapter, although I am sure that the idea is not original with our group. One of the local hospitals sent out a call for blood donors, so we are attempting to have all our members act as donors, and turn over the receipts to our fraternity treasurer.

Fraternally,
CHARLES N. CLARKE,
Secretary, Epsilon Chapter.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

INITIATION & BANQUET

The initiation ceremony and banquet were held Saturday afternoon and evening, April 19. The whole function was a howling success.

Grover Penberthy, '10, was our very able toastmaster, and many thanks go to him for a fine job, making use of the good old army discipline to produce order out of chaos. Speakers included Stu Wilson, '07, Bill Bromme, '31, Sam Donaldson, '16, J. Trombley, '25, Burt Spurrier, '25, Bill Brace, '23. Back from the class of '46 were John Bond and Rog Smith.

The success of Zeta's initiation banquet this year was due in a large measure to the enthusiastic turnout of a great number of our alumni. We're expecting many more next year.

The annual meeting of the Zeta Association was held in the chapter house preceding the banquet, and most of the members present at the meeting were able to attend the banquet.

The actives of Zeta would like to extend hearty thanks to all of you who have been with us on these various occasions, and remember, we'd like to see more of you!

VISITORS

One of the year's most productive bull sessions developed March 19 when Drs. **Stu Wilson 07** and **Bill Bromme '31** were here for dinner. Post-prandial discussion gave actives a chance to ask about internships and Wilson's specialty, Internal Medicine.

Dr. Robert R. Dieterle '23 was entertained at dinner at the chapter house February 25 as part of a new program to re-acquaint the alumni with the active chapter, and vice versa.

After dinner Dr. Dieterle spoke about his undergraduate years at Michigan, building of the house, and his specialty, Psychiatry. The interest shown prompted him to propose a seminar for the men of Zeta who wished to gain more knowledge of the field. Since it is the purpose of the Alumni-Active dinners to acquaint students with various medical specialties, we are looking forward to the seminar as a profitable result of the first dinner.

Dr. Bill Ruhe, Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, dropped in at Zeta Chapter early in April, along with Dr. Bill Bromme '31, for dinner and a look around the house. A pleasant after-dinner bull session gave members a chance to become much impressed with our new Sec.-Treas. Dr. Bromme is an old friend of Zeta, and it is our pleasure to see him quite often; he takes a good deal of pride in his old home chapter.

On April 17, Zeta Chapter had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. D. C. Elkin (Chi Beta) for dinner, with an informal get-together later in the evening. Dr. Elkin is Professor of Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and was in Ann Arbor as the guest of Dr. Fred Coller and the Department of Surgery, who "plugged" the visitor as the "outstanding man in vascular surgery today."

E. H. RENTSCHLER,
Secretary, Zeta Chapter.

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

A very successful pledging season was carried out by Eta this past year, culminating in the initiation of the following: Bernard J. Begley, Donald Russell Bernat, Nino Stephen Grisafulli, Edward Raymond Farrage, Karl Michael Forster, Allan G. Gilloon, John E. Hoff, Jr., Hugh Francis Kohler, Raymond Gerald McDonald, James O. Norton, Chris Anthony Pascuzzi, Francis Wayland Pattison, Sherwood Patrick Peartree, John Joseph Sampson, John Albert Sheahon, and John Paul Thomassen, all freshmen; George Bysshe Eusterman and William A. O'Connell, sophomores; Harry H. McCarthy, M. D., Assistant in Surgery, Creighton U., and Harold N. Neu, M. D., Assistant in Medicine, Creighton U., as honorary members.

Eta chapter conducted election of officers April 15, followed by a party sponsored by the newly elected officers. The following officers will preside for the year 1947-48: Albert J. Costello, President; Richard J. Krill, Vice-President; Sherwood Patrick Peartree, Recording Secretary; Bernard J. Begley, Corresponding Secretary; and James J. McGuckin, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Annual Senior Dinner Dance of Eta chapter was held April 26 at the Hotel Fontenelle. Dr. Louis D. McGuire proved quite capable in the capacity of Toastmaster. The principal speaker was Dr. William Sucha, who spoke on the specialties as com-

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pared to general practice. He stressed the importance and respect we should have for general practitioners. The following internship appointments were announced: John E. Aiken—St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles, California; David J. Buddrus—Mercy Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Don E. Crocker, John J. Flynn, John A. Krause—all Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, California; Joseph M. Holthaus—St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri; Richard J. McCarton—St. Luke's Hospital, Spokane, Washington; Arthur E. Ryan—Queens General Hospital, Queens County, New York; and Jack R. Zastera — St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri.

BERNARD J. BEGLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

On March 29 at 4:00 P. M. we initiated into this chapter 28 pledges, which represents the cream of the crop of the present Freshman class at the University of Nebraska, College of Medicine. After the ceremony the actives and new members enjoyed a Dutch lunch and following this a stag party was held, which lasted until about ten o'clock.

On May 1 the annual alumni banquet will be held here at the chapter house at 4120 Dewey Avenue. This date was chosen to coincide with the Mid-west Clinic which will be held at the same time, so that more of the alumni will be able to attend. Turkey will be the main course. Dr. A. E. Bennett, '21, a strong supporter of the chapter, will be the toastmaster.

Present officers of the fraternity, who were elected about two months ago are Robert C. Smith '48, President; Charles G. Beede '48, Treasurer; A. Edgar Robison '48, Secretary; Emmett "Swede" Simonson '49, House Manager.

Sincerely yours,
A. Edgar Robison,
Secretary, Iota Chapter.

Mrs. P. T. Conlan, 2904 North Forty-seventh Avenue, Omaha 3, Nebraska, writes that her husband, Dr. P. T. Conlan, formerly of Los Angeles, California, Eta Chapter, died July 15, 1946, after a prolonged illness.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Elected to Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons

David N. Morgan (Chi Chapter), 1942
Clarence B.Penrod (Chi Chapter), 1945

Chi Chapter Alumni

Dr. Edward L. Sutton, Jr., was appointed to the Dispensary Staff of West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., with assignment to the Department of Dermatology, service of Dr. L. G. Beinhauer.

Charles Hendricks: "Served three and one-half years in Army Medical Department, Division Surgeon of 28th Infantry Division, Commander of 103rd Medical Regiment until triangulication of Division. Assigned as Post Surgeon at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Discharged from Army October 7, 1945. Took post-graduate work in gynecology and obstetrics at Cook County Medical School, Chicago, Ill., and Polyclinic Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital, New York. Reopened my office August 7, 1946, in Altoona. I limit my practice to gynecology and obstetrics."

W. W. Wieland had active service with the U. S. Medical Corps from August, 1940 to January, 1946. Overseas (Pacific Theatre) from June, 1941, to February, 1945. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Crile General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, from March, 1945 to October, 1945. In private practice in Sheraden (Pittsburgh, Pa.) since December, 1945.

Raymond F. Grenfell, since his discharge from the Army in March, 1946, has been practicing internal medicine in Jackson, Miss., a city of 100,000 and still rapidly growing. He finds the climate fine and is glad not to have to drive through snow!

J. Edwin Keppel opened an office in the Hahne Building, Clarion, the day after Labor Day. He was fortunate enough to locate a house and get almost immediate possession, and has moved the family up there, too. They want their friends to know that they hold open house twenty-four hours a day at 309 Wood Street, Clarion.

Robert F. Botkin was separated from the service on November 17, 1946. He started a residency the first of January in orthopedics at Pitt Medical Center under Dr. John S. Donaldson and Dr. Harold H. Sankey.

James C. Hayes is in the Air Corps and is now at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, on a medical service.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Earl F. Henderson is practicing in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

J. Stuart McQuiston writes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "Have been back in private practice since March, 1946, and enjoying it very much. Three and one-half years in the Army was more than enough. Only toured the 7th Service Command because of an old back injury. Believe Army life was easier than this rapid pace we try to do now."

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

At the Commencement Exercises of the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh, held on April 11, 1947, the address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. E. R. McCluskey, Alpha Eta Chapter, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Francis L. Jaubert, Jr., President of D. O. A. Chapter at Tulane University, was recently elected to the Stars and Bars Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Dr. Robert Bingham (Psi) has recently been discharged with the rank of Major in the Medical Corps, Army of the United States. He is now practicing orthopedic surgery at 3655 14th Street, Riverside, California. In the January, 1947 issue of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, Dr. Bingham has an article under the title of "Muscle Fibrodystrophy" in which he presents a detailed study of a series of 264 patients suffering with this condition, which he describes as a syndrome causing chronic physical disability.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Annual Banquet of the Chi Delta Chapter was held at the Fort Sumter Hotel in Charleston on March 14, 1947. The affair was one of the largest ever sponsored by this Chapter with over one hundred and seventy persons being present. It was held, as is tradition, immediately before the Annual Medical Ball sponsored by the Student Body of the Medical College.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. W. M. McCord, who came to the Medical College last year as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry. He was introduced by Dr. Kenneth M. Lynch, Dean of the Medical College. The subject of his address was "Time," and consisted of a very humorous and appropriate discussion.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, the Chapter was very pleased to have with us a number of the alumni of the Chapter for the occasion. We are very much in hopes that this heralds bigger and more frequent occasions when they can come back and be with us. Those alumni present included: Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Woodruff, Dr. and Mrs. Warren M. Snoddy, Dr. Edgar Myers, Dr. Allen H. Johnson, Dr. J. B. Nettles, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Kerr, Dr. E. B. Ellis, Dr. N. D. Ellis, Dr. A. D. Gantt, and Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Castles.

Faculty guests included Dr. Kenneth M. Lynch, Dean, and Mrs. Lynch, Dr. F. E. Kredel, Professor of Surgery, and Mrs. Kredel, Dr. H. G. Smithy, Associate in Surgery, and Mrs. Smithy, Dr. R. W. Wager, Associate in Physiology, and Mrs. Wager, and Dr. A. M. Lassek, Professor of Anatomy, and Mrs. Lassek.

The engagements of two of the brothers in the Active Chapter were recently announced. Miss Alice Norway and Mr. Charles R. Sloan, Class of 1948, will be married on August 18. Miss Mildred Myers and Mr. Kenneth Jensen, Class of 1949, will be married sometime this summer, the date to be announced later.